



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2003 and 2004

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 42/5

Amends the Nutrition Outreach and Public Education Act. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning legislative findings.

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1 AN ACT concerning human services.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Nutrition Outreach and Public Education Act
5 is amended by changing Section 5 as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 42/5)

7 Sec. 5. Legislative findings. The General Assembly finds a
8 definite correlation between proper health and adequate diet
9 and nutrition and hereby recognizes the importance of federal
10 food and nutrition assistance programs in minimizing the
11 incidence of hunger and nutrition related health problems for
12 those who participate in such programs.

13 The General Assembly also finds that a significant portion
14 of otherwise eligible residents of Illinois do not participate
15 in existing federal food assistance programs such as the food
16 stamp program, school lunch and breakfast programs, child care
17 food programs, summer food programs, the special supplemental
18 program for women, infants and children (WIC), congregate meal
19 programs, and home-delivered meal programs. That lack of
20 participation is, in the General Assembly's view, due
21 predominantly to a lack of adequate program information as to
22 eligibility and application procedures, a lack of access to and
23 in many instances availability of benefits under those federal
24 food assistance programs, and the unavailability of federal
25 funding specifically for outreach efforts to expand program
26 coverage and participation among eligible persons.

27 The General Assembly believes that it is in the interest of
28 the public health of the economically vulnerable residents of
29 Illinois to establish a program of community-based nutrition
30 outreach to enroll eligible targeted populations in federal
31 food and nutrition assistance programs designed for them and to
32 promote the fuller implementation and utilization of federal

- 1 food assistance programs in unserved or underserved areas.
- 2 (Source: P.A. 93-555, eff. 1-1-04.)